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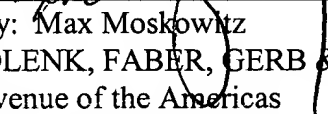
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Sir:

We filed the above application with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 17, 2001.

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